

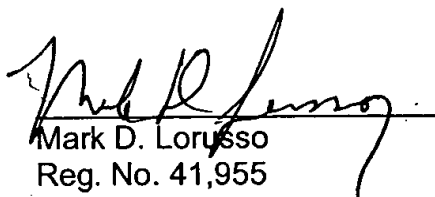
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(consolid)  
8. An engine-generator arrangement according to claim 7 wherein said first flange is connected to said second flange by way of at least one screw with a nut, wherein the screw is elastically supported in an elastomer layer.

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**REMARKS**

In response to the outstanding Office Communication marked final, Applicants hereby submit a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114 (transmittal attached), which includes the above amendment as the requisite submission. Applicants believe that this submission places the application in condition for allowance and that action is earnestly solicited.

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